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SUBJECT: Biographic Sketch of Hubert SCHRUEBBERS

1. SCHRUEBBERS was born 3 November 1907 in Recklingshausen, North Rhein-Westphalia, Germany. He is a graduate lawyer first serving as an assessor in Berlin beginning in 1935. From 1939 until his provisional appointment as President of the German Federal Republic's Office for the Protection of the Constitution 1 August 1955, SCHRUEBBERS held the post of prosecuting attorney in federal and state courts in the cities of Bochum, Dortmund, Hamm, Arnsberg, Cologne, Karlsruhe, Dusseldorf. He served with the German Army from August 1943 to May 1946 attaining the rank of Sergeant. In September 1944 he was captured and interned by the British and was released in May 1946.

2. SCHRUEBBERS was appointed provisional president of the BfV upon the retirement of Hans JESS, successor to Otto JOHN. On 19 December 1955, SCHRUEBBERS received the formal appointment. Prior to his BfV presidency, SCHRUEBBERS possessed neither experience nor technical knowledge of the intelligence or security fields. Since his appointment his stated preference for lawyers and his replacement of a number of experienced intelligence officers in the BfV by inexperienced lawyers has been a source of personnel dissatisfaction within the BfV.

3. SCHRUEBBERS, who was never a member of the Nazi party, has no announced political affiliation but as a Catholic and a conservative, he has leanings toward the CDU. He, nonetheless is in good standing with the SPD. SCHRUEBBERS is married and the father of one son and one daughter.

4. SCHRUEBBERS' rank as head of the BfV is Ministerialdirigent. SCHRUEBBERS does not enjoy the prestige or rank of General GEHLEN of the BND and is known to be somewhat jealous of him.

5. SCHRUEBBERS, who speaks and understands a fair amount of English made a two weeks visit to the United States in May of 1957 and was briefed and entertained by CIA officials at that time. He did not, however, meet the DCI. In addition, the vice-president and one other senior BfV official were recently in Washington for a week as guests of CIA. SCHRUEBBERS has repeatedly demonstrated a favorable attitude toward the United States and CIA's relationship with him has been consistently good. He has expressed an attitude of wholehearted cooperation with Allied Agencies in those fields with which they are legitimately concerned while displaying an inclination to withhold cooperation in matters of exclusively German concern. CIA liaison officers are in regular contact with SCHRUEBBERS in Bonn.

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